

January 19, 1999

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell,
Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows,
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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At this time Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:30 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a), the Council recessed into a closed session to confer on matters listed on the meeting agenda under 20a (Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation).

At 7:00 p.m., the Council reconvened in Council Chambers and the meeting resumed in regular agenda order.

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Beach Cities Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squad #107
Pastor John Gross, Ascension Lutheran Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING**

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further

reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs, and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

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Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting on Item Nos. 7d (Firefighter In-Service Training Revenues), 13b (Short-Range Reorganization Plan), and 15a (Torrance Women's Club Appeal of License Review Board Decision).

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5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Herbers announced that applications for appointments to the Civil Service Commission and the Traffic Commission are being accepted in the City Clerk's office until 5:30 p.m. on February 3, 1999, with appointments to be made at the Council meeting of February 9, 1999.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **PROCLAMATION RE "DRAGON CIRCLE CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DAY"**

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring January 26, 1999, as "Dragon Circle Chinese New Year Celebration Day" in the City of Torrance to Clifton Johnson, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce Cultural Involvement Division; and Richard Tsao and Cindy Chu, co-chairs of the Dragon Circle Chinese New Year Event. Mr. Johnson expressed appreciation for the City's support of the Dragon Circle Celebration and invited everyone to attend the event on January 26, 1999.

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7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **ANNUAL AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER LEASE**

Recommendation

The Finance Director recommends that City Council approve an amendment of the Airport Control Tower lease with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

7b. **CHANGE ORDER RE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT 1998-99 PROJECT 1**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council:

- (1) Authorize the change order to public works agreement C98-140 with P & J Utility Co. in the amount of \$67,030 for the replacement of additional water main; and
- (2) Approve the amendment to consulting services agreement CD98-147 with Geo-Environmental, Inc. to increase the contract amount by \$5,000 for additional geo-technical services for the water main replacement 1998-1999 Project 1.

7c. **AGREEMENT RE DIGITAL PARCEL LEVEL BASE MAP**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that City Council:

- (1) Approve an agreement between the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles, for the exchange of digital data and marketing services; and
- (2) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the agreement.

7d. **FIREFIGHTER IN-SERVICE TRAINING REVENUES**

Recommendation

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council accept \$24,214 from El Camino Community College. This revenue and additional funds will be generated by an agreement between the Torrance Fire Department (Department) and El Camino Community College District (District) whereby the Department is entitled to a portion of State funding received by the District for firefighter students enrolled in the District's courses of instruction.

7e. **190TH STREET BACKUP PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

Recommendation

The Streetscape Team and City Manager recommend that City Council:

- (1) Accept the bid (B99-03) from and award a contract to Bennett Landscape Company in the amount of \$113,110.47;
- (2) Authorize staff to prepare a standard contract;
- (3) Authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the contract on behalf of the City; and
- (4) Transfer and appropriate \$32,000 from another Capital Improvement Project to cover the total cost of this project.

MOTION: Councilwoman moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

12a. **CIVIL SERVICE OPEN COMPETITIVE ELIGIBLE LIST**

Recommendation

The Civil Service Administrator and Civil Service Commission recommend that City Council approve a proposed change to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to change the "Rule of Three" to the "Rule of Five" for certification of names from open competitive eligible lists.

Civil Service Administrator Ghio presented the staff report (per written material of record.

ORDINANCE NO. 3463

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.17.2 AND 14.17.3 OF
THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO THE
NUMBER OF NAMES CERTIFIED FROM OPEN COMPETITIVE
ELIGIBILITY LISTS**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 3463. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12b. **LOSS ALLOCATION AND INCENTIVE PLANS**

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council approve liability and worker's compensation loss allocation and incentive plans for the second half of Fiscal Year 1998/99 and Fiscal Year 1999/00 and appropriate \$450,000 from the Self-Insurance Fund.

Risk Manager Sellers presented the staff report (per written material of record).

Councilman Lee noted that the concept for an incentive program originated in the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee and thanked staff for their efforts in devising this plan. He stated that it reflects the City's efforts to control overhead expenses and provides incentives and rewards for employees who are doing a good job.

Mr. Alan Lee, Torrance Municipal Employees (TME) American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees (AFSCME), Local 1117, indicated that he had conferred with staff on this matter and expressed support for the plan.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **REVISED PROCEDURES FOR TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER**

Recommendation

The General Services Director recommends that City Council consider the proposed use of a grant program to offset the cost of renting certain meeting rooms to qualified users at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, and appropriate \$2,140 from the Reserve for program contingencies.

General Services Director Tilden presented the staff report (per written material of record), listing the proposed subsidized usage of the Recreation Center for 1998-99 and outlining the proposal to establish a grant program administered by the Cultural Arts Commission to allocate available funding in the future.

Mayor Hardison expressed support for giving the first priority to Parks and Recreation programs and related her concerns about authorizing ongoing subsidies of the Orchid Society and South Bay Lapidary Gem & Mineral Show fund-raisers, stating that she did not want to preclude funding for other non-profit residential organizations in the future. While conceding that these are worthwhile organizations, she questioned whether any benefit is being derived from the City's underwriting of these events and cited the Torrance Firefighters Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser as being the type of event worthy of support. With respect to Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) usage, she stated that she favored subsidized use of the Center for district-wide events, but did not want to limit individual school usage to the three schools listed on this year's schedule.

Councilman Lee suggested allocating a fixed number of hours to the TUSD and letting them apportion them according to their own priorities.

Responding to the Mayor's comments regarding subsidized fund-raisers, General Services Director Tilden explained that the three organizations currently listed on the schedule are the only groups that have taken advantage of the City's policy of allowing non-profit residential groups to use the Recreation Center for a fund-raiser once a year at little or no cost. He advised that if other organizations apply in the future, their applications would be evaluated by the Cultural Arts Commission based on criteria to be developed for the grant program.

Mr. Alan Lee, TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, noted that his organization may be interested in holding an event at the Recreation Center in the future and asked to reserve the right to use the facilities at reduced cost.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to approve the proposed 1998-99 subsidized use of the Recreation as listed in the staff report, with the modification that Torrance Unified School District be given a block of time (78 hours) to be apportioned as determined by their own criteria; to appropriate \$2,140 from the Reserve for program contingencies; and to refer the matter of establishing grant criteria for 2000-2001 to the Cultural Arts Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13b. **SHORT-RANGE REORGANIZATION PLAN**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve the proposed short-range reorganization, and approve the following implementing actions:

- (1) Creation of a stand-alone Transit Department;
- (2) Transfer of the Bus Fleet Division and a portion of the Warehouse to the newly proposed Transit Department;
- (3) Renaming of the General Services Department to the Internal Services Department;
- (4) Creation of a Facilities Operations Division under the Internal Services Department (formerly General Services);
- (5) Transfer of the City Fleet Division and a portion of the Warehouse to the Internal Services Department (formerly General Services);
- (6) Consolidation of the graphics function within Central Services unit of the Internal Services Department (formerly the General Services Department);
- (7) Transfer of the Purchasing Division to the Finance Department;

- (8) Transfer of the Airport maintenance function as a section under the Street Services Department; and
- (9) Position additions, deletions, and revisions as proposed.

In a slide presentation, Management Assistant Toner outlined the proposed short-range reorganization plan.

Mr. Alan Lee, TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, stated that because of the Martin Luther King holiday, he had not been able to obtain detailed information on the reorganization plan until this morning; advised that his organization had not had an opportunity to thoroughly review it; and requested that this item be deferred for one week.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Walker offered the following motion:

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to defer consideration of the Short-Range Reorganization Plan to January 26, 1999. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Jackson requested that TME-AFSCME submit any comments they may have regarding the plan to City staff so that they can be included in next week's agenda packet.

14. **HEARINGS**

14a. **VACATION OF STREET EASEMENTS RE "LITTLE TORRANCE BLVD."**

Recommendation

The Engineering Director recommends that following a public hearing, City Council adopt a resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of Torrance Boulevard (locally known as "Little Torrance Boulevard"), a portion of 212th Street, and the alley connecting Torrance Boulevard and 212th Street.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place for the continued public hearing on this matter.

Senior Division Engineer Perkins presented the staff report and, with the aid of slides, pointed out the location of the proposed vacations and the adjacent businesses. He advised that traffic circulation and vehicular access will be maintained for all existing businesses. He noted supplemental material available at the meeting consisting of a letter from Robert Ohanessian, owner of Bubble Bath Car Wash.

Councilman Lee indicated that he had some concerns about approving the vacations before the full extent of the plans to develop the surrounding property are known. Mr. Perkins explained that the vacations are consistent with the approved condominium project and will not change if the project is expanded in the future.

Mr. Robert Ohanessian, 1888 Torrance Boulevard, related concerns about the negative impact the vacations would have on his car wash business, stating that the closures would increase traffic congestion, limit access, and further isolate his business. He questioned whether his business address would have to be changed since it would no longer front on Torrance Boulevard and cited an additional concern that when construction begins in the area, the dust-free environment needed for washing cars will be compromised. Noting that the Olson Company is negotiating with neighboring businesses to acquire more property, he requested that the

Council delay action on the vacations until the full scope of their condominium project and its effects on neighboring businesses is known.

Mayor Hardison pointed out that the car wash at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards remained open during extensive street work on the intersection.

Mr. Paul Edwards, representing the Olson Company, advised that the condominium project approved by the Planning Commission is contingent on the vacations taking place. He confirmed that his company has had discussions with property owners regarding the acquisition of additional property in the area, but indicated that nothing has been finalized and no plans have been submitted for a second phase of the project. He noted that any expansion of the project would require City approval and would involve surrounding businesses.

Ms. Leona Hopps, owner of the Rendezvous Cocktail Lounge, 1878 Torrance Boulevard, stated that her property is the most impacted by the street vacations and she has no objections, noting that a change of address would be welcome because delivery men have difficulty finding her current address; that the Olson Company has kept her apprised of their plans and have addressed her concerns; and that she believes the project will have a positive impact on the community.

Mr. Angelo Karamanis, representing Tommy's Coffee Shop, 1882 Torrance Boulevard, voiced support for the vacations, expressing his opinion that the street closings may cause a little confusion in the beginning but will be beneficial in the long run. He indicated that City staff and the Olson Company have been very straightforward and honorable in their dealings with him and that he feels confident that his business interests are being protected.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Walker commented that this Council and the previous Council have worked to eliminate blight in the City and have made significant changes for the better in Downtown Torrance. He stated that this project will eliminate the last major section of blight in that area; that he favored moving forward with it; and that he did not believe it would create any long-term problems for Bubble Bath Car Wash.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, A PORTION OF 212TH STREET, AND THE ALLEY CONNECTING TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND 212TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-03. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15. **APPEALS**

15a. **TORRANCE WOMEN'S CLUB APPEAL OF LICENSE REVIEW BOARD DECISION**

Recommendation

The License Review Board recommends that City Council deny the Torrance Women's Club appeal and concur with the decision of the Board to grant the Torrance Women's Club a free license and an entertainment and dance permit for events sponsored and hosted by the Club, with the requirement that individuals renting the facility for private parties apply for sound permits and come before the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time and place for the public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing had been properly advertised and distributed additional information to the Council consisting of letters from Eleanor Voeste, 1412 Engracia Avenue; Pamela Sheerin, 1537 Post Avenue; and Debbie and Todd Hays.

Mayor Hardison submitted a letter for the record that she received from Steven Maier.

Ms. Shirley Walker, 2456 West 229th Street, President of Torrance Women's Club, called attention to the countless hours and thousands of dollars that the Torrance Women's Club has donated in community service over the last 78 years. She stated that the clubhouse is a beautiful, historical building that is rented out to provide for its upkeep; that the License Review Board decision imposes restrictions that have had a significant negative impact on rentals; and that she believes it is unfair to impose these restrictions in light of the fact that only two complaints were received by the Police Department regarding the clubhouse in 1998. She requested that the Council grant the club an extension until Labor Day and review the situation at that time.

Ms. Connie Hodgson, 827 Sartori Avenue, Torrance Women's Club member, related her opinion that complaints from a small group of people do not warrant the imposition of burdensome rules and restrictions that add unnecessary layers of bureaucracy and deprive the club of revenue and support.

Ms. Madonna Davenport, 3207 West 166th Street, Torrance Women's Club member, explained that when the club was informed of neighbors' complaints they took immediate, aggressive action and that the club believes that their methods of controlling noise and loitering were working. She stated that she was shocked by the License Review Board's decision to take

control away from the club, and related her belief that potential renters will go somewhere else rather than taking off a day of work to appear before the Board and pay a \$63 fee. She asked that the club be given an opportunity to prove that they can be a good neighbor and to preserve this vital source of revenue for the clubhouse.

Ms. Nona Kozak, 17639 Kornblum, Torrance Women's Club member, stated that City's regulations regarding Entertainment Permits are selectively enforced and that the club was not afforded options that have been given to other organizations, such as a trial period for the club to see if they can remedy the situation on their own. She expressed confidence that the club resolve neighbors' concerns efficiently.

Ms. Linda Lescoe, 1448 Engracia Avenue, Torrance Women's Club member who has lived near the clubhouse for many years, offered rebuttal to complaints about noise, parking, and the contention that clubhouse events are out of character with the neighborhood, indicating that parking has always been a problem and that nearby churches hold similar events. Noting that there have been no complaints in the last four months, she stated that the club has been diligent in addressing concerns and requested that they be given an opportunity to self-monitor events before the implementation of extreme measures.

License Review Board Chairman Sunshine presented the staff report, providing background information, explaining the Board's rationale for their decision, and reiterating the Board's recommendation.

Mr. Michael Ward, representing Westbrook Homeowners Association, 2266 El Dorado Street, maintained that the Women's Club does not screen their renters adequately, stating that on weekends the clubhouse is frequented by minors drinking alcohol and menacing the neighborhood. He noted that he had submitted a letter and a petition signed by 36 neighbors in opposition to the issuance of an Entertainment Permit (of record). In response to Councilman Walker's inquiry, Mr. Ward conceded that the situation had improved in recent months but expressed concerns that the situation could easily deteriorate once a permit is granted.

Ms. Pamela Carnesi, 1309 Manuel Avenue, commented that there has been a noticeable decline in the quality of the guests at weekend clubhouse events, citing problems with loud music, underage drinking, vehicles racing up and down the streets and littering, and stated that she does not want to live next to a bar. She mentioned additional concerns about the club's food handling and sanitation.

Mr. Glenn McCarter, 2182 El Dorado Street, indicated that although he has not complained to police because of his desire not to intrude on celebrations, he has been disturbed by guests loitering and car alarms going off outside his second story bedroom window.

Ms. Rose Sarukian, 2186 El Dorado Street, expressed support for the License Review Board's decision, stating that it does not prohibit the club from renting out the facility, yet provides some assurance that guests will be responsible and respectful of the surrounding neighbors, and noted that the same restrictions were imposed on the nearby National Guard Armory. She took issue with the Club's contention that only a small group of newcomers are complaining and pointed out that having 200 hundred people coming into the neighborhood for an event and then dispersing at the same time has a considerable effect on the entire area.

Mr. Bob Voeste, 1412 Engracia Avenue, stated that he believes the Women's Club should have control over their rentals, but he also believes that neighbors have legitimate complaints that need to be addressed. He suggested that a dialogue be opened up between the Women's Club and neighbors, perhaps facilitated by the City, to discuss specific issues and to find ways of dealing with them. He advised that Nativity Church no longer allows wedding receptions out of deference to neighbors.

Ms. Janet Payne, 1318 Engracia Avenue, commented on the unique neighborhood that surrounds the clubhouse; agreed that better communication is needed between the club and neighbors; and expressed her opinion that problems will be dealt with more efficiently by the club's on-site management of the facility.

Returning to the podium, Ms. Carnesi stated that the fact that there have been only a few complaints to the police is not indicative of the problems, explaining that many people have not called out of respect for the club or because they believe the police have more pressing concerns.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, Police Chief Herren advised that according to department records, the Women's Club has not been a significant problem; confirmed that if the department became aware of underage drinking on City streets, they would address the problem immediately; and indicated that it had not come to his attention that this was occurring near the clubhouse.

Councilwoman O'Donnell observed that crime reporting statistics do not always reflect the true extent of crime in a neighborhood and urged residents to call the police to document problems. She stated that large security deposits will not necessarily ensure responsible behavior and recommended that at least one security guard be hired as a condition of the rental agreement and that clean-up be expanded to include a four-block radius around the clubhouse.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Walker stated that he believes residents' concerns are valid and commented on increasing problems caused by events involving amplified sound and the consumption of alcohol at locations throughout the City. He indicated that he favored allowing the club a six-month period so that they can work with neighbors to rectify the situation.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to defer consideration of this matter for a period of six months, with staff to make a determination at that time whether it should be brought back to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell.

City Attorney Fellows advised that from an administrative standpoint, he would prefer that a permit be issued for the six-month period and when the permit expires, the matter would be returned to the License Review Board. License Review Board Chairman Sunshine provided clarification of the Torrance Women's Club interim permit and suggested that it be extended for the six-month period.

Councilman Walker offered the following amended motion.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to extend the Torrance Women's Club interim Entertainment Permit and Dance Permit to July 31, 1999, at which time they are to reapply to the License Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman O'Donnell and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison commented that she views this situation as being different from the one involving the National Guard Armory because the Torrance Women's Club has been holding events at the clubhouse since it first opened. She directed the Women's Club to meet with neighbors and City staff to resolve neighborhood problems, suggesting the possibility of using a dispute resolution mediator.

The Council recessed from 9:47 to 9:56 p.m.

16. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

16a. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3461**

ORDINANCE NO. 3461

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 61.10.3 AND 61.10.4 OF
DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED
TO POSTED SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3461. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

16b. **SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3462**

ORDINANCE NO. 3462

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 7 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO VOLUNTARY
EXPENDITURE CEILINGS AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 7
TO DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE
IMPOSING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3462. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by majority roll call vote, with Councilwoman O'Donnell dissenting.

Councilwoman O'Donnell stated that while she favors campaign contribution limits, she feels this is an inappropriate action at this time because there is a court injunction in effect.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

None.

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The City Council met as the Redevelopment Agency from 10:00 to 10:01 p.m.

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19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Fire Chief Bongard announced that the Annual Torrance Firefighters Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13, 1999, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

19b. Councilman Lee announced that the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee will meet on February 2, 1999, to discuss the Wilson Park Gym and the Madrona Marsh Nature Center.

19c. Councilman Lee stated that a date will be set to hold a joint meeting of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee and the Torrance Unified School District.

19d. Councilman Walker announced that the Transportation Committee will meet on February 4, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. regarding a taxi ordinance.

19e. Mayor Hardison queried Councilmembers regarding a possible dark Council night on February 2, 1999, as projected business was extremely light.

19f. Mayor Hardison announced that City Council will meet in joint session with the Youth Council on February 9, 1999, at 5:30 p.m.

19g. Mr. Lawrence Pan, 2733 Cabrillo Avenue, raised concerns about the amount of fees for owner occupied apartments.

19h. Mr. Roy Johnson, 20939 Anza Avenue, Activ”8”ers Square Dance Club member, spoke concerning banners advertising square dancing on City property.

19i. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell, 2118 Speyer Lane, Redondo Beach, Activ”8”ers Square Dance Club members, spoke of the need for signs for membership recruitment.

19j. City Manager Jackson stated that staff will look into policies on signage.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Attorney Fellows announced that in the matter of Corea v. City of Torrance, City Council had previously given direction to settle with the plaintiff for \$600,000, \$50,000 from the City of Torrance and \$550,000 from California Insurance Company, with both the City and the Insurance Company having reserved their rights to litigate the matter of bad faith. He advised that the California Insurance Company has asked the City for a non-waiver and interim funding agreement and requested the Council’s authorization.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a non-waiver and interim funding agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:18 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance